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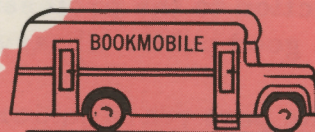
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NOTED SPEAKER FOR BEAUFORT AWARD PROGRAM

The Book-of-the-Month Club has announced that John Mason Brown, noted author, critic, and lecturer, will be the featured speaker at the presentation of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award to the Beaufort County Library on April 21.

Russell Thacher, Awards Director, Book-of-the-Month Club, was in Beaufort January 14 and 15 and met with the County Library Board, representatives of the State Library Board, and local officials to plan for details of the presentation ceremony.

SECOND PRINTING OF "COLLEGE BOUND" LISTS

The reading list, "Books for the College Bound," has been well received in South Carolina and elsewhere. Requests have poured in from schools and libraries in the state, and many have arrived from outside the state. With more than 15,000 lists having been distributed and supplies dwindling rapidly, it was decided that the list should be reprinted. A shipment is expected from the printer within a few days. At that time, libraries which have exhausted their supply may request additional copies of the list.

The majority of the books on the list have been received by the 24 libraries which were eligible for a State Library Board grant provided for this project.

The Richland County Public Library is displaying some of the books in a large mural-type exhibit in the lobby. The Colleton County Memorial Library has also arranged an attractive display featuring books received under the terms of the State Library Board grant.

FOURTH JUNIOR INTERN PROJECT PLANNED

For the fourth year the State Library Board and the Public Library Section of the S. C. Library Association are sponsoring a junior internship program, a recruiting project developed by the State Library Board as a part of a general personnel program involving recruiting and training for librarianship. The purpose is to give qualified young people an introduction to the profession of librarianship through the experience of actually working in a good public library.

As developed in the past years junior internships are summer positions in public libraries of South Carolina. They are awarded on a competitive basis to college juniors or seniors or to young teachers interested in becoming public librarians. The interns work full-time for two and one-half or three months at a salary of \$150 per month.

The positions are awarded on the basis of formal applications, references and an interview by the head librarian. Priority is given to applicants interested in librarianship as a profession. The junior intern's work is planned as an introduction to various phases of public library work with the purpose of giving the intern a chance to form an opinion of the opportunities in librarianship. As far as possible, the junior intern is assigned sub-professional rather than clerical duties.

The libraries participating in this year's project are: Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, Anderson County Library, Calhoun County Public Library, Charleston County Free Library, Cherokee County Library, Greenville County Library, Greenwood City and County Public Library, Horry County Memorial Library, Laurens County Library, Lexington County Circulating Library, Richland County Public Library, and Spartanburg Public Library.

HIGH SCHOOL "GREAT BOOKS" GROUP AT AIKEN

The Aiken County Public Library is the first library in the state to sponsor a high school Great Books Discussion Group. It is a result of the efforts of Mrs. Arthur Turner, assistant librarian, who noted the interest evidenced by the students and Miss Arnold Garvin, high school teacher, who agreed to provide guidance because she recognized the value of such an undertaking.

Howard Will, Southern Director for the Great Books Foundation, provided helpful suggestions on the operation and sources of material.

Approximately 30 young people were present for the first discussion, The Declaration of Independence. Since October the group has met twice a month with an average attendance of 20. Mrs. Turner and Miss Garvin are impressed with the questions, opinions, and the evolution of thought processes displayed during the discussions.

The Great Books Foundation has announced that material for a Junior Great Books program is in preparation. The Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Library officials feel that an adaptation of material for young adults is desirable and would be helpful.

LIBRARY PUBLICITY POINTERS

This is the seventh of a series in which the Leslie Public Relations Agency will suggest ways for you to improve your public relations. The Leslie Agency is employed by the SLB as part of its "Library Interpretation Program." If you have any questions regarding these pointers, send them along and we'll get you an answer.

Feature Stories.

Feature stories are differentiated from straight news stories in that they are not necessarily tied to a specific time or event. They may be expository or light and amusing.

The names of writers on your newspaper that you are already acquainted with are likely to be feature writers. They are permitted to use their individual style more and they usually show more writing flair than straight reporters.

Unless you have some flair of this kind, it's best to leave the feature writing to the experts. Your function is to suggest ideas for features, or to report incidents that may be amusing.

The latter class requires only that you keep your eyes and ears open. Perchance a little dog sneaked into the library and curled up in front of a shelf of dog books. An unlikely happening and yet similar coincidences occur every day. Your job is to recognize the feature story possibility, call up the newspaper featurewriter and give him the details. He will tell it with a light touch. Your TV and radio newsmen will also be interested in any such small, human incident.

But the other kind of feature story you can feed him periodically by giving him the idea and the facts.

What is the best collection you have in your library? Give him details of why and how it is the best and in what ways it serves the general public or special segments of it.

More ideas for feature stores next issue.

SCHOLARSHIP DEPARTMENT

May Moore, who holds a State Library Board scholarship to Louisiana State University Library School, was featured in a newspaper story highlighting library school students. The full-page article was designed by the Louisiana State Library in cooperation with the LSU Library School to stress the urgent need for librarians.

VACATION READING CLUBS

It's time to plan for vacation reading clubs. Don't overlook the six basic rules:

1. The reading chart or device must be so carefully planned that librarians are free to spend their time on reading guidance, in good floor work, or talking to the readers
2. There must be no competition among children.
3. There should be no final reward when the "game" or adventure is complete, except a recognition from the librarian who has made the child feel that his reward has come in the fun of reading a good book.
4. Much benefit in publicity and interest is derived for the library if community groups and interests can be involved, but this involvement should not change the philosophy of the library in either program or book collection.
5. The theme or program should not limit the child in his reading interests.
6. The children are not made to feel that one reads only in the summer.

-----Norma L. Rathbun, Coordinator of Work with
Children and Youth, Milwaukee Public Library,
Top of the News, March 1960, p. 59 (Vol. XVI,
No. 3)

NEW BUILDING FOR BEAUFORT COUNTY LIBRARY

The Beaufort City Council has agreed to exchange the city hall and adjoining vacant lot for the Beaufort County Library Building. This action enables the County Library to implement plans for a new and larger library building.

Mrs. F. W. Scheper, Jr. and Rivers L. Varn, members of the library board's building committee; Ray Peppers, county librarian; and Jules D. Levin, architect, presented the library's request to the City Council.

The addition to the city hall will cost approximately \$50,000, 50% of which will be requested from the Accelerated Works Program. The building program is expected to be completed by fall when the city offices and the County Library will exchange sites.

LIBRARIANS HERE AND THERE

Miss Amelia Fraser of the Colleton County Memorial Library Staff entered the Medical College Hospital, Charleston, on January 7 for eye surgery.

Miss Josephine Crouch, Director, Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, and Mrs. M. H. Mims, Edgefield County librarian, have been chosen for inclusion in the Dictionary of International Biography, being published by a non-profit organization, the editorial board of which represents America, Scotland, Australia, and France.

Mrs. Dorothy J. Morrell, librarian of the Marlboro County Library for 10 years has resigned, effective February 1, to become head of Branch Library Number 5 at Fort Jackson.

Charles A. Stevenson, reference librarian, Greenville County Library, has been hospitalized for two weeks and will probably undergo surgery.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARIES

Aiken County Library

The Aiken Music Teachers' Association has presented a number of books and recordings to the Aiken County Library. Biographies of musicians and histories of music are included as well as recordings such as Leonard Bernstein's "Young People's Concerts for Reading and Listening."

John A. May's recently published poetry, "Tall Pines," was given to the library in memory of W. B. S. Winans, and John Threlkeld's "Camellia Book" was given as a memorial to William P. Montjoy.

Colleton County Library

The Walterboro Lodge of B'nai B'rith donated three volumes to the Colleton County Memorial Library. They are: "American Heritage, The Revolution"; "The Hawaii Book"; and "Illustrated World Geography."

Dillon County Library

A complimentary copy of Moody's "Industrial Manual" has been received by the Dillon County Library, Latta, S. C.

TRUSTEES ATTENDING MIDWINTER ALA

Jean Galloway, a member of the Greenville County Library Board, is in Chicago attending the midwinter conference of the American Library Association. Miss Galloway is a member of the Sub-committee on Recruitment of the Action Development Committee of the American Library Trustee Association.

Mrs. W. L. Norton, trustee of the Oconee County Library Board, is also attending the conference.

YOUR PROBLEMS

by Anne Library

Dear Anne:

I'd like to write several thousand well chosen words, every one of them extolling the virtues of punctuality! I'll confine myself to a few, however, and mention the maddening experiences some of my friends and I have encountered at our libraries because of a disregard of time.

I'll start in the morning—operating on a tight schedule, I planned to start with a visit to the library to exchange books. I got there just as the library was supposed to open—and what happened? I hurried to wait—along with several other people until somebody got there to open the door, and that was way past the opening hour. This got me off to a bad start—in a bad humor! I understood from the others waiting that this late opening was the rule rather than the exception.

I have a friend who gets her books from the bookmobile in another county, and she tells me that she has to plan to devote a whole afternoon to this project—Sometimes the bookmobile is on time, but most of the time it isn't, so she can never depend on being able to do anything else that afternoon.

The only thing librarians seem to be punctual about is closing time. Just try and renew a book by phone a few minutes before the closing hour! Nobody's there!

I'm all for libraries and have been their staunch supporter, but my interest is waning because I'm

Frustrated

Dear Frustrated:

And you have reason to be! This type of grievance causes much ill will for libraries. And I can add another, related problem, which is the peculiar schedule some of the smaller libraries follow. They open and close so erratically—or so it seems to me—that one is discouraged from using them because the schedule is such a hit or miss affair. And there's the lack of advertising—most newspapers are very cooperative about publishing bookmobile schedules and library hours. Maybe some libraries don't want the public to realize their lack of schedule keeping.

I could add reams about the staff members, who do not meet the public, who are never punctual except at quitting time, too.

It seems to be a chronic disease—and there seems to be little hope for a permanent cure. I'm sorry I can give you so little comfort—only my sympathy.

Anne

PLANNING MEETING FOR NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Marshall A. Shearouse, State Chairman, and Maude C. Dowtin, Executive Director for the sixth National Library Week, have scheduled a planning meeting, February 2, 1963, at 10:30 at the Richland County Public Library, Columbia.

The theme for 1963 is "Reading - the Fifth Freedom . . . Enjoy It!" Within the broad aims of the continuing program "for a better-read, better-informed America", emphasis again will be placed on the talent-search for the library profession. In addition to recruitment, special efforts will continue in behalf of school and academic library goals.

NEW PHOTO-COPYING MACHINE

A new photo-copying machine, using no liquids or chemicals, has been perfected by the 3M Company. The machine, which is available in a standard or a portable version for \$249.00, reproduces from magazines and books at a cost of 5¢ a copy.

For further information write R. E. Macdonald, The Macdonald Company, 2404 Devine Street, Columbia, S. C.

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